

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 590

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A RESOLUTION urging the Federal Aviation Administration to implement all provisions of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act, including those that allow for the protection of musical instruments.

WHEREAS, the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act contained a number of provisions, including a provision that would allow musicians to stow their instruments in closets, overhead compartments, or, if necessary, a second seat when traveling by commercial airline; and

WHEREAS, these provisions were to have been implemented by now, but federal regulators are behind schedule in applying the new guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the new guidelines regarding musical instruments are an effort to protect valuable or fragile instruments from sustaining damage during air travel, a matter near and dear to the hearts of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, implementing the existing guidelines will help musicians travel with a greater peace of mind; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby urge the Federal Aviation Administration to fully implement the provisions and guidelines of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act immediately, and encourage the FAA to take all steps necessary to protect the musical instruments placed in their care during air travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.